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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION***Response to Amendment***

Applicant has amended claim 1, 9, and 17 and added new claims 19-21 and therefore claims 1-21 are now pending.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4/28/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the prior art does not teach "remote content location information located with the content source", "storing location for each of the one or more content objects stored by the content exchanges", and "content manager located with the content server that uses the content location information to direct a client requesting a content object". The Examiner's position is that Kangasharju et al. teaches the above limitations (page 2, column 2, 2nd full paragraph, page 3, column 1, 1st-2nd full paragraph and column 2, 1st full paragraph, page 4, column 1, 1st partial paragraph, page 6, column 2, 2nd full paragraph, page 8, column 2, 2nd full paragraph).

Kanagasharju et al. discloses, "...mapping a URL to a list of object servers that contain the URL, with each server on the list having associated freshness information. The authoritative location server contains a list of resource records for the URL, that is, a list of object servers that contain the URL. ...it sends a query to a root location server (L2). If L2 does not have the location information cached, it returns the address of a location server responsible for the domain of the origin server... A browser first sends an HTTP request for an object to its proxy cache...the proxy cache invokes LDS to obtain a

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list of all the object servers that contain the object. The proxy cache then chooses the “best” object server from the list and forwards the HTTP request to this object server...’.

It is the examiner’s opinion that the object servers are similar to content exchanges and thus the location information for the URL (content objects) is stored. Further more the location server, which contains the resource records, is located in the domain of the origin server (content source). Lastly, the proxy cache (content manager located with the content server) redirects a client’s request for an object.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 17 and 18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being unpatentable by Non-Patent Literature, “Locating Copies of Objects Using the Domain Name System” to Kangasharju et al..

Referring to claim 17, Kangasharju et al. teaches a content serving system for tracking content objects, the content serving system comprising: a content server comprising one or more content objects; a plurality of content exchanges remotely located from the content server comprising copies of the one or more content objects and partial copies of the one or more content objects (page 1, column 1, lines 2-9 and page 2, column 2, lines 29-44); a local content catalog comprising information on the one or more content objects stored on the content server (page 3, column 1, lines 13-16); content

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location information comprising location information for the one or more content objects (page 1, column 1, lines 11-14 and 24-26); and a content manager that directs a requesting client to one of a plurality of content exchanges that can serve the one or more content objects based upon the content location information, wherein the content manager is located with the content server (page 3, column 2, 1st full paragraph and page 6, column 2, 2nd full paragraph and page 8, column 2, 2nd full paragraph).

Referring to claim 18, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects of claim 17, wherein each content exchange comprises a content store for caching the copies and partial copies (page 1, column 1, lines 2-9).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14-16 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Non-Patent Literature, "Locating Copies of Objects Using the Domain Name System" to Kangasharju et al. in view of Ahuja et al.

Referring to claim 1, Kangasharju et al. teaches a content serving system for tracking content objects stored on a plurality of remotely-located content exchanges, the content serving system comprising: a content server coupled to the content source and comprising one or more content objects, wherein the content server provides copies and

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partial copies of the one or more content objects (page 1, column 1, lines 2-9 and page 2, column 2, lines 29-44); a local content catalog comprising information on the one or more content objects stored on the content server (page 3, column 1, lines 13-16); and content location information remotely located from the content exchanges and located with the content source, wherein the content information comprises location information for the copies and partial copies (page 1, column 1, lines 11-14 and 24-26 and page 3, column 2, 2nd full paragraph, page 4, column 1, 1st partial paragraph, and page 8, column 2, 2nd full paragraph).

Kangasharju et al. does not teach a content source. Ahuja et al. teaches a content source providing a content object (column 3, lines 61-64). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the location data system of Kangasharju et al. by having a content source because the content stored on the content server and replicated servers must be provided from some source that creates the content.

Referring to claim 9, Kangasharju et al. teaches a content serving system for tracking content objects stored on a plurality of remotely-located content exchanges, the content serving system comprising: a content server coupled to the content source and comprising one or more content objects, wherein the content server provides copies and partial copies of the one or more content objects (page 1, column 1, lines 2-9 and page 2, column 2, lines 29-44); a local content catalog comprising information on the one or more content objects stored on the content server (page 3, column 1, lines 13-16); and location information for each of the one or more content objects stored by the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges (page 1, column 1, lines 11-14 and 24-26 and page 3,

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column 2, 1st full paragraph and page 6, column 2, 2nd full paragraph, page 8, column 2, 2nd full paragraph).

Kangasharju et al. does not teach a content source. Ahuja et al. teaches a content source providing a content object (column 3, lines 61-64). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the location data system of Kangasharju et al. by having a content source because the content stored on the content server and replicated servers must be provided from some source that creates the content.

Regarding claim 3 and 11, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 1 and 9 (page 1, column 1, lines 2-9).

Kangasharju et al. does not teach a content source. Ahuja et al. teaches wherein the content source is one of a live web cam, a video or audio feed, a data object, a data stream, a video tape or audio tape, an optical or magnetic disk (column 3, lines 61-64). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the location data system of Kangasharju et al. by having a content source because the content stored on the content server and replicated servers must be provided from some source that creates the content.

Regarding claim 2, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 1, further comprising location information for the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges (page 1, column 1, lines 11-14 and 24-26).

Regarding claim 4 and 12, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 1 and 10, further comprising a content manager coupled to the local content catalog and the content location information (page 4, column 1, line 37)..

Regarding claim 6 and 14, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 1 and 9, wherein the content location information comprises a location of a content exchange that has a copy of the content object (page 1, column 1, lines 11-14 and 24-26 and page 3, column 1, lines 4-11).

Regarding claim 7 and 15, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 1 and 9, wherein the local content catalog comprises information on one or more content objects published to the Internet (page 3, column 1, lines 13-16 and column 2, lines 30-31).

Regarding claim 8 and 16, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 1 and 9, wherein the content location information comprises location information on one or more content object portions (page 2, column 2, lines 29-44 and page 9, column 1, lines 23-24).

Regarding claim 10, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 9, further comprising content location information remotely located from the

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content exchanges and comprising location information for the copies and partial copies (page 9, column 1, lines 23-24).

Regarding claim 19, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 1, wherein the content source is an originating source of content object in the content serving system (page 2, column 2, 2nd full paragraph).

Regarding claim 20, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 1, wherein an unpublished content objects is on the content server, but unavailable to the content serving system (page 6, column 1, 4th full paragraph).

Regarding claim 21, Kangasharju et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges of claim 9, wherein the location information indicates which of the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges stores each of the one or more content objects (page 3, column 1, 1st-2nd full paragraphs and column 2, 1st full paragraph, and page 8, column 2, 2nd full paragraph).

3. Claims 5 and 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Non-Patent Literature, "Locating Copies of Objects Using the Domain Name System" to Kangasharju et al. in view of Ahuja et al. as applied to claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14-16 above, and further in view of Lindbo et al.

Regarding claim 5 and 13, Kangasharju et al. in view of Ahuja et al. teaches the content serving system for tracking content objects stored on the plurality of remotely-

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located content exchanges of claim 4 and 12 (page 1, column 1, lines 2-9 of Kangasharju et al.).

Kangasharju et al. in view of Ahuja et al. does not teach that the content exchanges are across the Internet from the content server. Lindbo et al. teaches wherein the plurality of remotely-located content exchanges are across the Internet from the content server (Fig.3). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the content manager of Kangasharju et al. in view of Ahuja et al. by having the content exchanges across the Internet from the content server because the exchanges should not be local to the content server. The purpose of the exchanges is to be in remote locations away from the content server therefore providing replicated info quicker and more efficiently.

Conclusion

1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to content managers in general: Lewis et al., Knauerhase et al., Schuba et al., Kraft et al., Kraft, Meyerzon et al., Emens et al.
2. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to April L Baugh whose telephone number is 703-305-5317. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal D Dharia can be reached on 703-305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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